

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the demand for Indian cardamom in international market has increased in the recent past;
- (b) if so, whether the production of cardamom is keeping pace with the demand in domestic and international market;
- (c) if so, the production of cardamom recorded during the last two years;
- (d) whether the cardamom growers have been getting the remunerative price for their produce; and
- (e) if so, the incentives being provided to the farmers to increase the production?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (c) : There is a good demand for Indian cardamom in the international market and the production of cardamom is keeping pace with the demand as can be seen in the table below:

Year Export of Cardamom (Tons) Production (Tons)

1998-99	476	9330
1999-00	646	10480
2000-01	1100	11365+

+ Preliminary Estimate
Source : Spices Board

(d) & (e) Increasing production and exports suggests that the growers are getting adequate prices. Some of the incentives provided to the farmers to increase the production of cardamom include implementation of schemes like production and distribution of quality planting materials; re-planting of old, senile and uneconomic plantations; irrigation; land development etc.